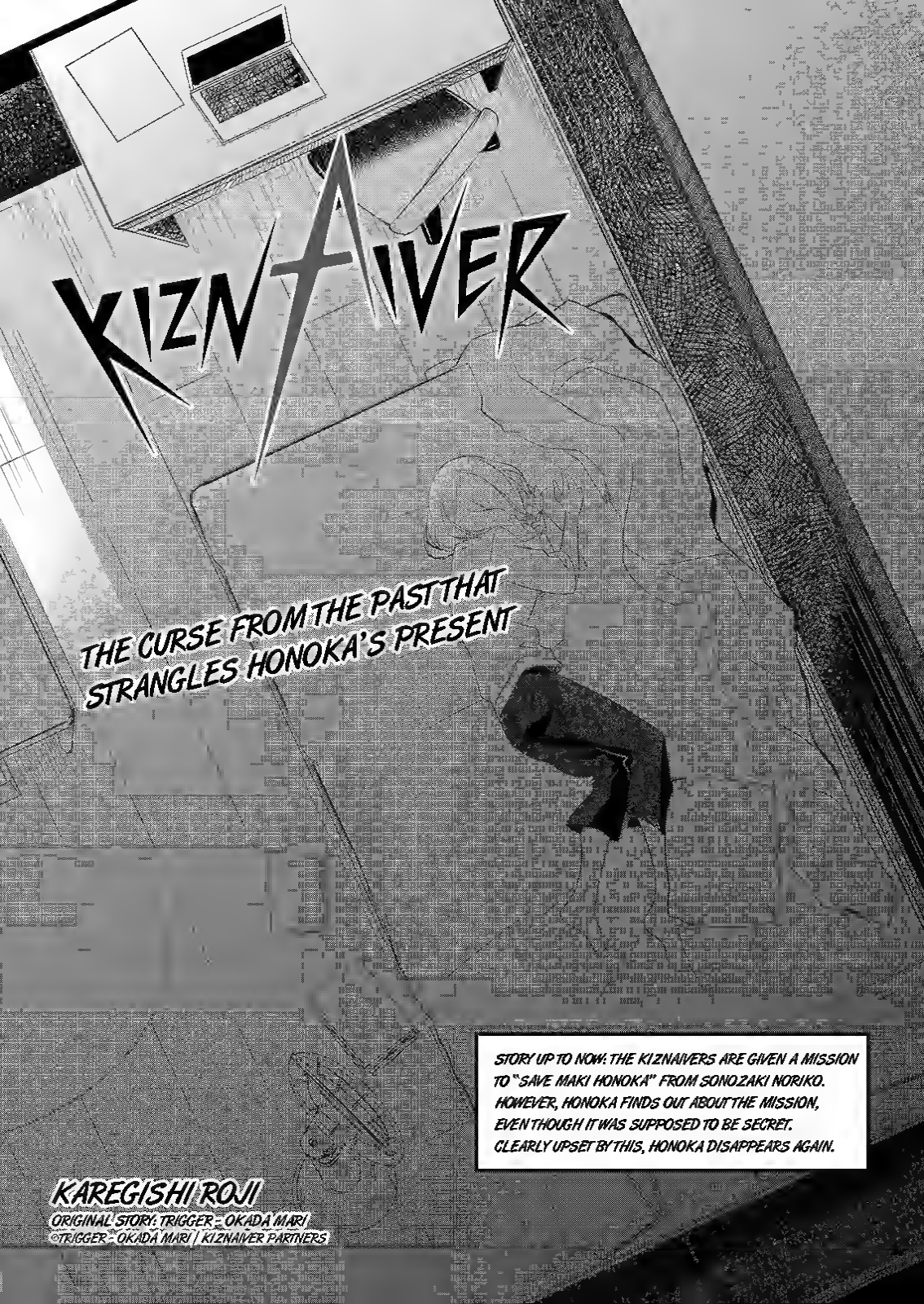

STORY UP TO NOW: THE KIZNAIVERS ARE GIVEN A MISSION TO "SAVE MAKI HONOKA" FROM SONOZAKI NORIKO. HOWEVER, HONOKA FINDS OUT ABOUT THE MISSION, EVEN THOUGH IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE SECRET. CLEARLY UPSET BY THIS, HONOKA DISAPPEARS AGAIN.

KAREGISHI ROJI

ORIGINAL STORY: TRIGGER - OKADA MARI

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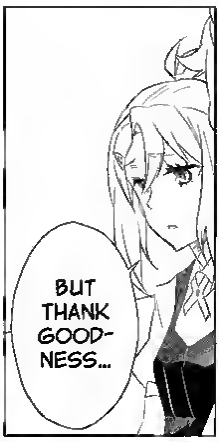
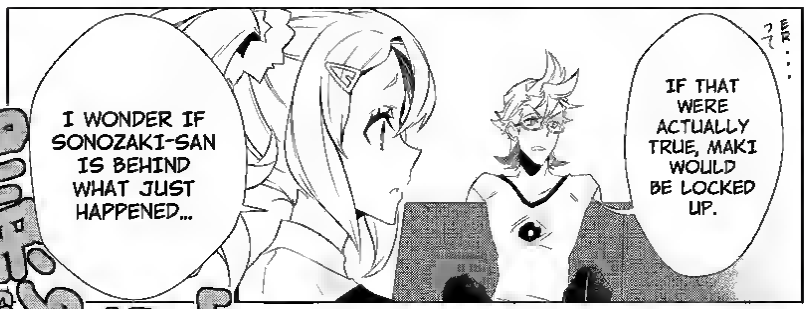
WE CLEARED THE MISSION,
BUT I WOULDN'T SAY WE ACTUALLY SAVED HER.

IT NORMALLY WOULD HAVE HURT HER EVEN MORE.


BUT THANK GOOD-NESS...

YEAH...

BY THE WAY, WHAT'S THIS CHARLES DE WHATSOEVER?
SIGH
...
CHARLES DE MACKING WAS A PAIR OF MANGA ARTISTS
THEIR MANGA WAS REALLY POPULAR.
BUT THE CREATOR...
APPARENTLY ONE OF THEM DIED.
BY THE WAY...
IT APPEARS THAT THIS RURU PERSON DREW THE ART, AND MAKI-SAN WROTE THE STORY.
SUPER POPULAR MIDDLE SCHOOL MANGA ARTISTS CHARLES DE MACKING ARTIST DIES FROM ILLNESS? THEIR DEBUT WORKS BECOMES THEIR LAST "THE PROMISE FROM HEAVEN"



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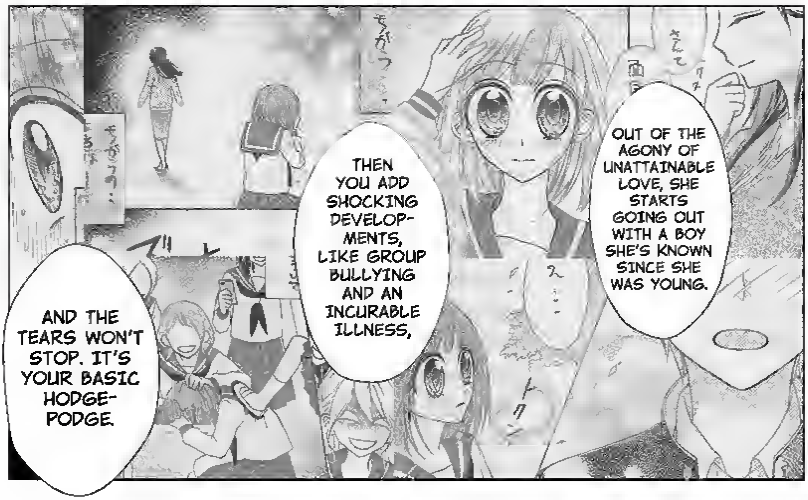
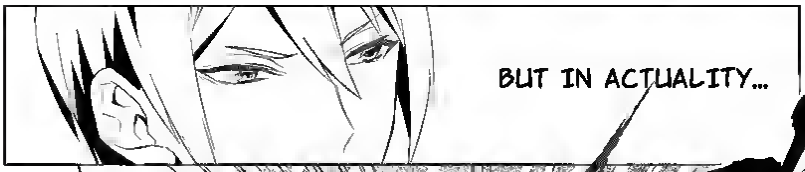
PAIN IN OUR HEARTS?
DO YOU MEAN THE GLOOMY GLOOM IN OUR CHESTS?
OR LIKE THE FACT WE HEARD MAKI-SAN'S VOICE?
THAT IS WHAT IT MEANS TO HAVE YOUR HEARTS CONNECTED
WE'RE MIND READERS?
IT APPEARS THAT, CURRENTLY, YOU'RE LIMITED TO JUST SENSING WHEN THERE'S A STRONG FLUCTUATION IN EMOTIONS,
BUT IF YOU CONNECT EVEN DEEPER, EVENTUALLY YOU'LL—
EEK!
NO WAY!

GLANCE
I DON'T WANT YOU GUYS READING MY MIND...
WELL THEN, I LOOK FORWARD TO NEXT TIME.
HEY!
WAIT A SEC!
TEN
YOU'RE SO EASY TO READ, TAKASHIRO-SAN.
BLUSH
HUH?
THE PROMISE FROM HEAVEN
IT'S APPARENTLY A LOVE STORY BETWEEN A FEMALE MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT AND A FEMALE TEACHER.
DID YOU FIGURE SOMETHING OUT, YUTA?
PHEW...
I SEE...


OUT OF THE AGONY OF UNATTAINABLE LOVE, SHE STARTS GOING OUT WITH A BOY SHE'S KNOWN SINCE SHE WAS YOUNG.
THEN YOU ADD SHOCKING DEVELOP-MENTS, LIKE GROUP BULLYING AND AN INCURABLE ILLNESS,
AND THE TEARS WON'T STOP. IT'S YOUR BASIC HODGE-PODGE.


BUT IN ACTUALITY...

MAKI-SAN'S HURTING...
RIP

IF WE CONNECT DEEPER, RIGHT?
SONO-ZAKI-SAN SAID THAT WE'D BE ABLE TO FIND OUT WHAT WE'RE THINKING, RIGHT?
IT'S NOT LIKE SHE DOESN'T KNOW US.
SHE SHOULD RELY ON US MORE.
WE'RE IN THIS SITUATION BECAUSE SHE CAN'T DO THAT.
YEAH...
BUT SHAR-ING JUST THE PAIN
AND NOT BEING ABLE TO DO ANY-THING IS HARD...
THERE ARE THINGS WE WON'T UNDERSTAND IF SHE DOESN'T SAY IT.
BUT WE HAVEN'T ASKED HOW MAKI-SAN FEELS, RIGHT?
...WHAT SHE WANTS US TO DO.
THERE'S NO WAY SHE'D TELL US!
I THINK WE SHOULD JUST ASK HER...

I WONDER IF WE'RE EVEN ABLE TO ASK SOMETHING SO SENSITIVE WHEN WE'RE NOT FRIENDS.
CLATTER
IT'S EASY!
WE JUST HAVE TO BECOME FRIENDS WITH MAKI!
DING
HOW IS THAT EASY?
EVEN IF THEY HATE YOU
OR THINK THAT YOU'RE ANNOYING, "FRIEND" IS AN HONORABLE TITLE
YOU EARN BY GOING IN FOR THE ATTACK OVER AND OVER UNTIL YOU WIN!
BRIGHT
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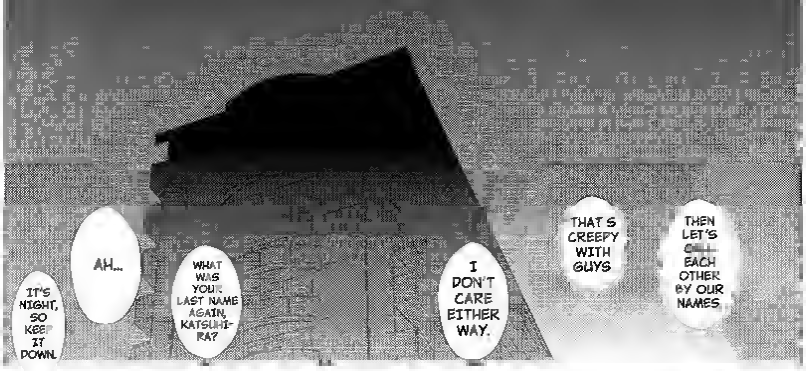
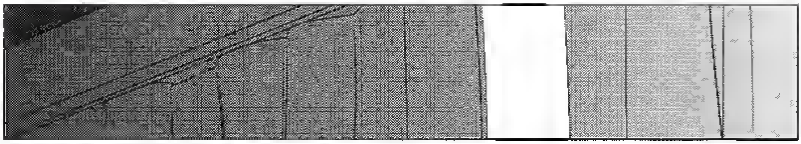
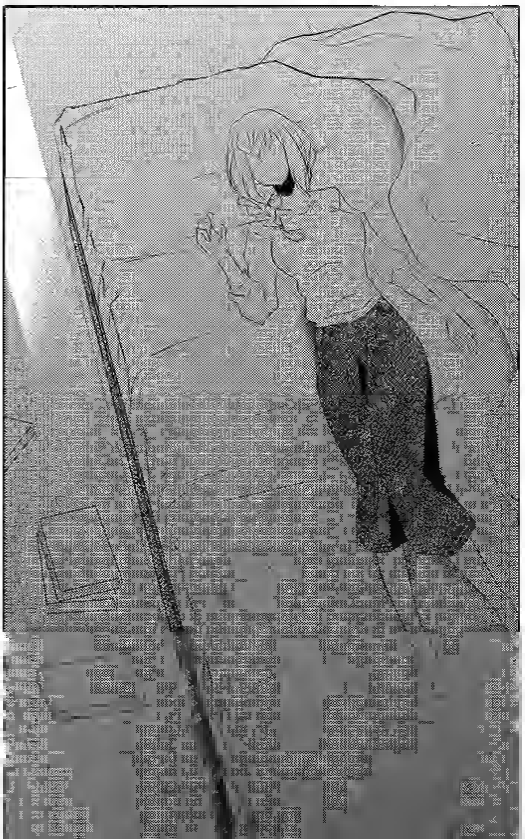
THAT MEANS THAT WE'RE FRIENDS, TOO, RIGHT?


IT'S NIGHT, SO KEEP IT DOWN.
AH...
WHAT WAS YOUR LAST NAME AGAIN, KATSUHIRA?
I DON'T CARE EITHER WAY.
THAT'S CREEPY WITH GUYS
THEN LET'S CALL EACH OTHER BY OUR NAMES



HEY, WANT TO MAKE ONE TOGETHER?



I CAN WRITE THE SCRIPT...
AND I CAN DRAW THE PICTURES!
IF WE WORK TOGETHER, WE CAN COMPENSATE FOR EACH OTHER'S WEAK-NESSES.
MY ONE AND ONLY PRECIOUS FRIEND.
I'VE NEVER EVEN KISSED SOME-ONE...
THIS WON'T WORK...
SIGH...

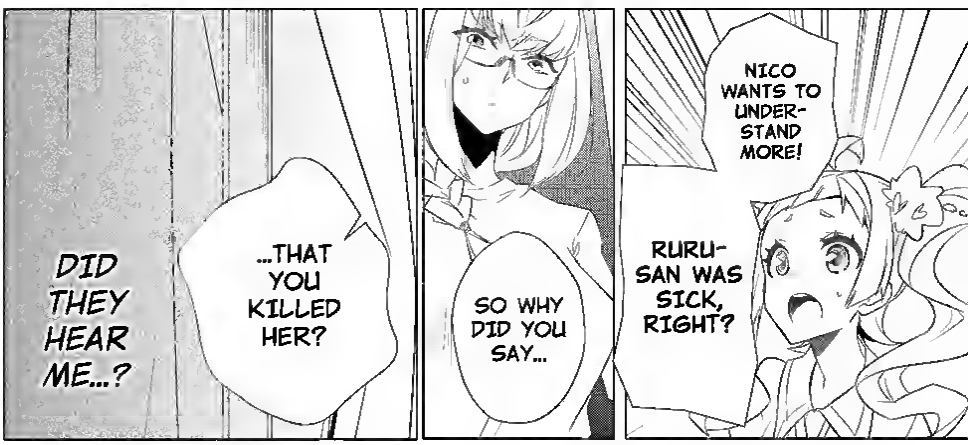
GRAB
WANT TO FIND OUT?
THEN...
IF I HAD RESPONDED TO RURU'S FEELINGS...
IT WOULD HAVE HURT EVEN MORE WHEN I LOST HER.

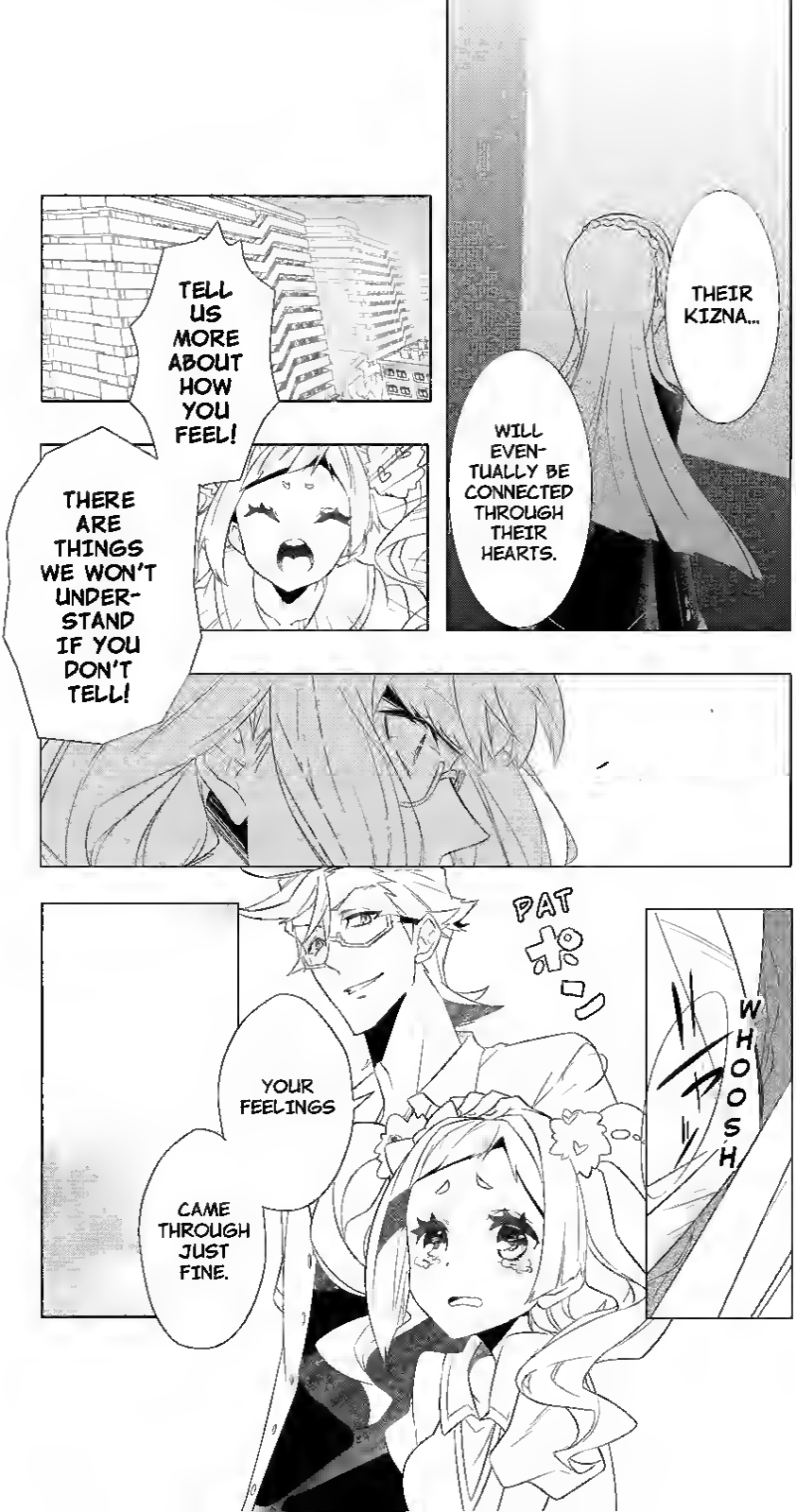
SO I-
I CAN'T DO THIS WITH YOU ANY-MORE.
WHAT SHOULD WE DO WITH THE LAST CHAPTER?
I'M SORRY...
I CAN'T...
THEN I'LL WORK ON IT MYSELF

HOW DOES THIS SOUND?
THE PART WHERE THE LETTER FROM THE DEAD HEROINE IS READ IS A MUST...
"DON'T FORGET ME...
I'LL CURSE YOU SO THAT
YOU'LL LOVE ONLY ME FOREVER."

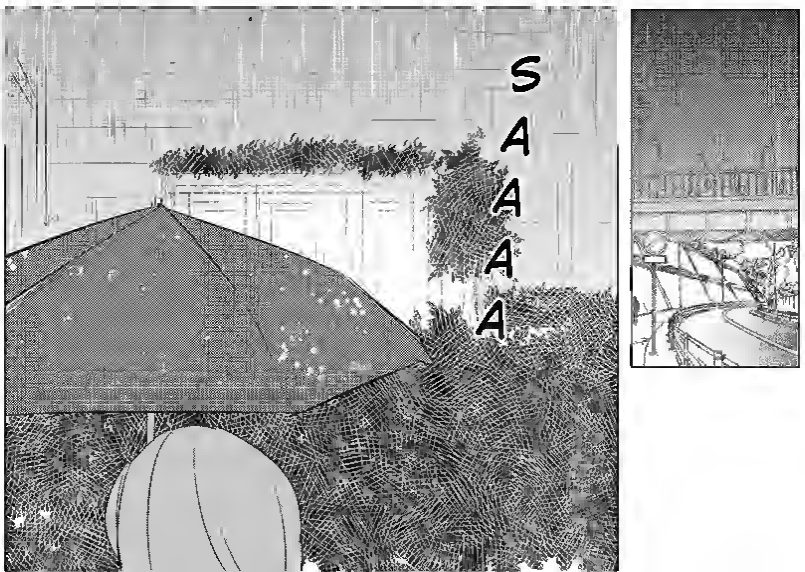
HONO-KA-CHAN.
MAKI-SAN.
MAKI-SAN.
GASP
MAKI-SAN.
MAKI!
LET'S LIGHT SOME FIRE-WORKS!

READY, AND..
WHY FIRE-WORKS?
PLEASE BE OUR FRIEND!
...?


DID THEY HEAR ME...?
...THAT YOU KILLED HER?
SO WHY DID YOU SAY...
RURU-SAN WAS SICK, RIGHT?
NICO WANTS TO UNDER-STAND MORE!


THEIR KIZNA...
WILL EVEN-TUALLY BE CONNECTED THROUGH THEIR HEARTS.
TELL US MORE ABOUT HOW YOU FEEL!
THERE ARE THINGS WE WON'T UNDER-STAND IF YOU DON'T TELL!
PAT
ポン
WHOOSH
YOUR FEELINGS
CAME THROUGH JUST FINE.

I'M GONNA PASS. I WANT TO STUDY.
AGREED!
すんせーい
WHY DON'T WE LIGHT THEM TOGETHER?
SINCE WE'RE ALL FRIENDS NOW.
WHAT SHOULD WE DO WITH THESE?
I THOUGHT OF FIREWORKS BECAUSE IT'S SUMMER, BUT I GUESS THEY WENT TO WASTE.
RUSTLE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THE PROMISE FROM HEAVEN
I THOUGHT I COULD UNDERSTAND A BIT MORE ABOUT HOW YOU FEEL.
EVERY-ONE WANTS TO KNOW MORE ABOUT YOU.
I THOUGHT YOU'D COME.
HMPH
EVEN IF I HAVE NO IDEA MYSELF?
WELL, THE LAST CHAPTER WASN'T VERY HELPFUL.
IT IGNORED EVERYTHING UP UNTIL THAT POINT.
I HEARD.

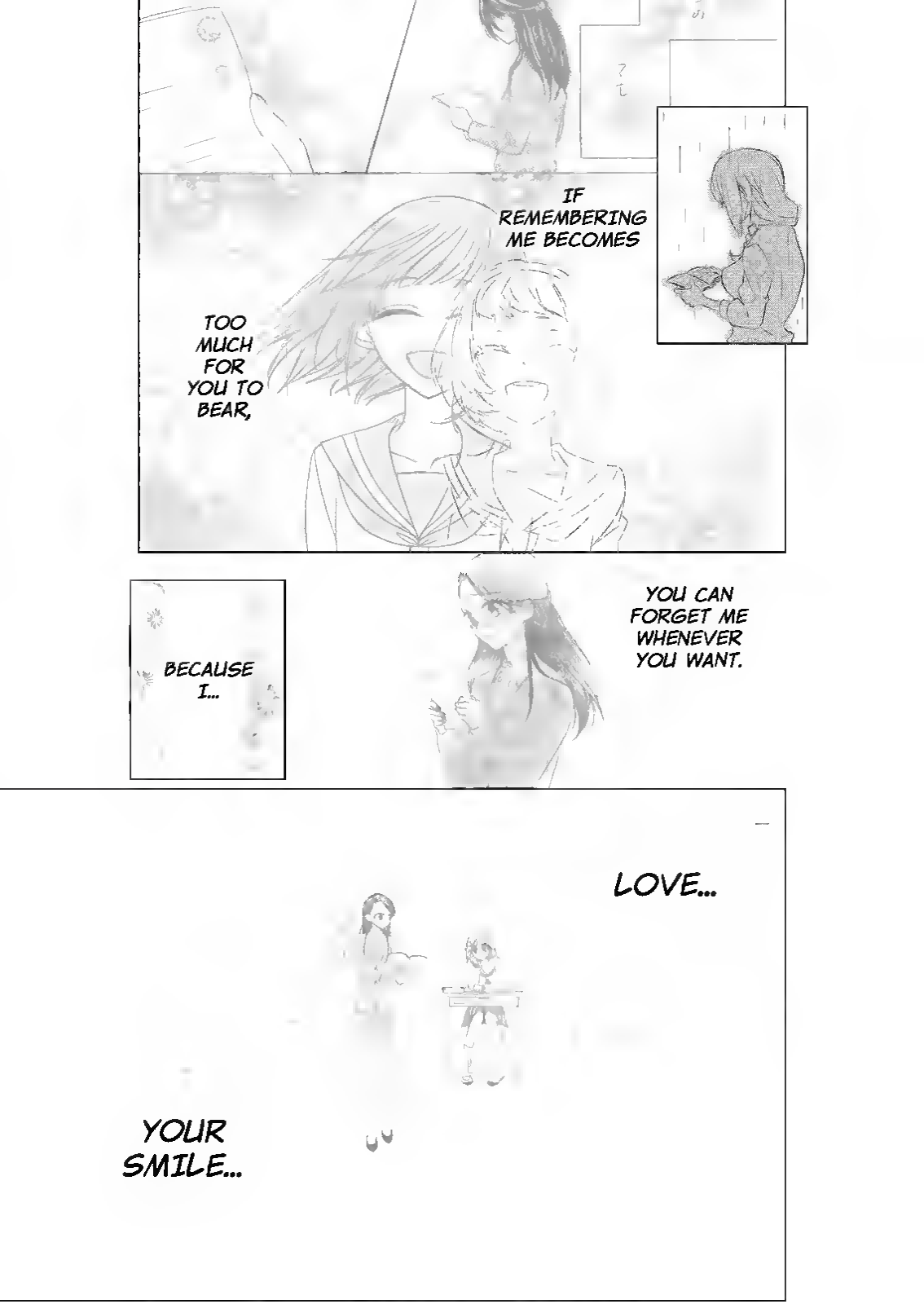
SO YOU HAVEN'T READ IT.
I DON'T NEED TO READ IT TO KNOW THAT.
THE DEAD HEROINE LEAVES A NASTY, HATEFUL LETTER...
AND CURSES...
READ IT.
WHY?
JUST READ IT!
FLIP
!
RUSTLE

WHY DID YOU LIE ABOUT KILLING HER?
BECAUSE I DID KILL HER!
I KILLED THE GIRL I KNEW.
IF I HAD RESPONDED TO RURU'S FEELINGS...
IF I HAD FALLEN IN LOVE WITH HER, THE PAIN IN MY HEART WOULD HAVE DEEPENED.
IT WOULD HAVE HURT EVEN MORE WHEN I LOST HER.
THAT'S WHY I STOPPED
BEFORE THAT HAPPENED...
IT WOULD HAVE BEEN UNBEARABLE...

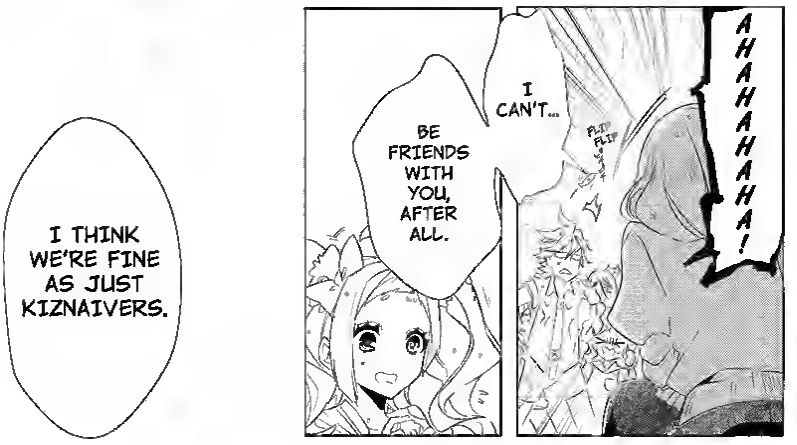
YOU'RE ALREADY HURTING PLENTY...
!
SMACK
OW!
I WANT TO REPLY TO RURU'S FEELINGS.
HUH?
DRIZZLE
MAKE ME SMILE.

SQUEE
わちゃ
SQUEE
わちゃ
YOU IDIOT! YOU JUST SAID THAT WAS DANGEROUS!
CAN WE POINT THEM AT PEOPLE?
HUFF
HUFF
Y-YAY, FIREWORKS. SO FUN...
LET'S SPLIT INTO TEAMS.
COME ON, WE'RE LIGHTING FIREWORKS, RIGHT?
AH.
M-MAKI-SAN.
POINT
WHAT WILL WORK, THEN?
I BET.
THIS ISN'T GOING TO WORK.
ALL RIGHT, FINE.
WHA-
WHAAAT?!
え――っ?!
THE OCEAN'S DANGEROUS AT NIGHT!
WE DIDN'T BRING SWIMSUITS!
THAT MIGHT WORK.
GO SWIMMING. AS HARD AS YOU CAN.

SPLASH
SPLASH
UWOOOOOOOOOO!!
SPLASH
SPLOOSH
WEREN'T YOU GOING TO CURSE ME?
SPLASH
COLD!
SPLOOSH
SORRY I CAN'T SWIM.
RAR!
SQUEE!
SPLASH
WHAT THE HECK?
YOU GUYS ARE JUST ENJOYING THIS.
ARE YOU SERIOUS?
THE GUY WHO ALWAYS TRIES TO ACT COOL?!
WHOOSH


IF REMEMBERING ME BECOMES
TOO MUCH FOR YOU TO BEAR,
BECAUSE I...
YOU CAN FORGET ME WHENEVER YOU WANT.
LOVE...
YOUR SMILE...

YEAH...
MAKI!
ARE YOU OKAY?


AHAHAHAHA!
I CAN'T...
BE FRIENDS WITH YOU, AFTER ALL.
FLIP FLIP
I THINK WE'RE FINE AS JUST KIZNAIVERS.

WE SHARE OUR PAIN, WE SHARE OUR HEARTS,
AND THAT...
MAKES US EVEN CLOSER THAN FRIENDS, DOESN'T IT?

KIZNAIVERS...
WHAT DOES "STILL" MEAN? SONOZAI NORIKO MAKES HER MOVE?!
THERE MIGHT STILL BE SOME TIME.